

REMARKS

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a U.S. national phase application based on International Application No. PCT/FI2003/000529. The claims of the International application (original claims 1-23) were amended under Article 19. (See Letters dated March 16, 2004 with attached Demand and Article 19 amendment, copies of which have been filed herewith.) In particular, original claims 1, 2, 19 and 20 were amended, new claim 14 was added and original claims 14-23 were renumbered as claims 15-24.

The claims, as amended under Article 19, are believed to be the ones that are automatically pending in the instant application upon entry into the national phase. Accordingly, the text of claims 1-24, as amended under Article 19, appears in the foregoing listing of claims without showing, however, by way of strike-through or underlining, the deletions or additions that were made under Article 19.

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended claims 3-6, 9 and 12-14 to remove multiple dependencies. Deletions and additions made by the present amendment are shown by strike-through and underlining, respectively. No new matter has been presented and the amendments are non-narrowing.

The status of each of the pending claims not “currently amended” herein is indicated as being either: (1) “Original”, if the text of the claim is identical to the text of a claim of the same number found in the International Application as originally filed; or “Previously Presented”, if the text of the claim differs from a claim of the same number found in the International Application as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to calculation of the application filing fee and examination on the merits. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4292. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4292. A DUPLICATE OF THIS PAPER IS ATTACHED.

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